



California State Parks

Plant Life

A Self-Guided Activity for Junior Rangers

Take some time to look at the different plants in the park.

Do you know what poison oak looks like and why not to touch it? **Yes** **No**

If you don't know what it looks like, ask your parent or a Ranger to show you.

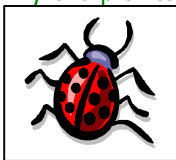
Remember not to get too close. This plant can cause skin irritations. Please do not touch or pick it.

Draw a picture of it

List some plants you saw. If you do not know their names, describe how they look and where you found them.

Example: Bush with leaves clustered in threes, shiny, green or red, found at bases of trees—poison oak —do not touch.

Why are plants important to animals?





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Do you use plants? Yes No

Example: Wood in your pencil



How are plants important for human survival?

[Hint: You are doing something right now that you could not do without the help of plants.]

When you looked at the plants did you notice any thorns, rubbery leaves, hairy stems or any other way they might have of protecting themselves from insects, the hot sun, and the drying winds? We call these adaptations. List any others you notice.

Why would picking a flower be a very harmful thing to do in this park?

[Hint → Look at a flower and see if you see any bees or insects around it.]

Can plants be shelter for animals and other plants?

Yes No

